

# California Goodbye

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You watched your hand hold the pen  
And write the note, but it wasn't you  
And every single word was wrong  
But every word you wrote you knew was true

And as you stepped into the night  
You wondered how this ever got so damned confused  
And again you cry in the darkness all alone  
The bitter taste of the California goodbye

You watch the desert fall away to mountains  
And to forest green and rivers blue  
An you glance down at your watch and wonder  
What he's thinking now that it's already noon

And then you think you'll chance the radio again  
Though the last time every song just made you cry  
Wo, wo, yes, it did  
And as you touch the dial  
Another tear falls for the California goodbye

There are dreams that we can keep  
And there are stars that shine through space  
Though it's cold and deep, dreams that we can keep  
Oceans rise and fall and desert winds don't sleep

Tomorrow you'll be home again  
A thousand memories down the road from yesterday  
And if you're not too late  
You might see, baby, brother pack his things and walk away

But somewhere deep inside  
You know an aching heart can never run and hide  
Ah, then you, you wanna die  
As the sun sets fire to the desert sky  
A curtain falls on the California goodbye, goodbye